

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are all the claims pending in the application.

Preliminary Matter

On the Office Action Summary, the Examiner indicates that two PTO-1449 forms are attached to the Office Action, and on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that the information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on 3/21/02 and 6/24/02 have been considered.

On review, Applicants note that an initialed and signed copy of the PTO/SB08 A & B (modified) form submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement of March 21, 2002 was not attached to Applicants' copy of the Office Action.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include an initialed and signed copy of the PTO/SB08 A & B (modified) form submitted on March 21, 2002 with the next communication from the PTO.

Obviousness Rejection

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki et al., JP 11-339849, in view of Perton et al., US 5,472,809.

In response, Applicants note initially that in the grounds for the rejection, the Examiner stated "such as phenyl vinylene carbonate (phenylethylene carbonate) (abstract)" at line 3 et seq from the bottom of page 2 of the Office Action. However, Applicants submit that there is a misunderstanding which is apparent in this description.

That is, with respect to phenyl vinylene carbonate, the adjacent carbon atoms in the five-membered ring are bonded through a double bond. On the other hand, with respect to

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phenylethylene carbonate, the adjacent carbon atoms in the five-membered ring are bonded through a single bond. Thus, these two compounds are different from each other. Although Suzuki may describe phenyl vinylene carbonate, Suzuki does not teach or suggest phenylethylene carbonate.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the inventions of claim 1 and the dependent claims are unobvious, and thus withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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